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## Serving with distinction

As Secretary of State, I am proud to oversee one of the oldest statewide law enforcement agencies in Illinois: the Secretary of State Police. Founded in 1913, this department serves all citizens of Illinois.

Many people are interested to learn of the variety of services this police force provides. The department's Investigators are trained in all aspects of law enforcement, with special expertise in auto theft investigations and vehicle-related consumer fraud. The department also maintains a Hazardous Device Unit (Bomb Squad) that is used to recover and dispose of bombs throughout the state. The Underwater Investigative Unit conducts auto theft investigations within the waterways of the state. Investigators provide training in traffic safety to other law enforcement agencies and the public.

The men and women of the Secretary of State Police are a source of pride for all of us. They serve our state with distinction and are always pleased to have an opportunity to help you, the citizens of Illinois.

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# Duties

The Secretary of State Police serves the public by:

- enforcing laws governing businesses that deal with vehicles and their parts
- providing law enforcement in the State Capitol complex
- inspecting salvage vehicles for stolen parts
- helping dispose of hazardous explosive devices and chemicals
- training other governmental agencies in the Illinois Vehicle Code and other police-related subjects
- promoting traffic safety

# Organization

There are a number of components to the organization of the Secretary of State Police.

Springfield is home to the Police Command Center (and Support Service personnel) as well as the Police Inquiry Unit that responds to emergencies and law enforcement inquiries on a 24-hour basis.

The department has four uniformed offices, located in Bellwood, Rockford, Springfield and Mt. Vernon. The department regulates the automotive industry, tracking auto thieves, conducting surveillance on suspected “chop shops”, infiltrating auto theft rings, investigating fraudulent state identification documents and conducting “sting” operations. Each year, hundreds of thousands of dollars in stolen vehicles and vehicle parts are recovered statewide.

# Special Units

The Department of Police has several special units with distinct functions:

**Emergency Response Team.** Handles high risk situations, such as civil disturbances, disasters and hostage-taking — all of which require the use of specially trained personnel. The focus is on property maintained by the Secretary of State in Springfield.

**Special Event Team.** Helps oversee large special events at the Capitol complex: public gatherings, demonstrations, parades, and visiting dignitaries.

**Bomb Squad.** Consists of five highly trained investigators — all certified bomb technicians. Capable of handling, transporting, disarming and disposing of explosive devices and chemicals.

**Salvage Vehicle Inspection Stations.** Using four stations around the state, executes law requiring inspection of all rebuilt vehicles. Also has mobile units for field inspections.

**Underwater Investigation Unit.** Has specially trained members who recover stolen vehicles from bodies of water. Also assists other law enforcement agencies in their investigations of vehicular criminal offenses involving submerged evidence.





**Honor Guard.** The unit represents the department at ceremonies, parades and funerals.

## Traffic Safety

Supported by federal funds, the Secretary of State Police conduct several programs promoting traffic safety.

- **Anti-Drunk Driving Enforcement Project (ADDEP)**

Through this effort, the department hires off-duty Investigators to patrol selected routes and apprehend alcohol- and drug-impaired drivers. Some of the video camcorders and portable breath testing devices (PBT's) were donated by Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Aetna Insurance.

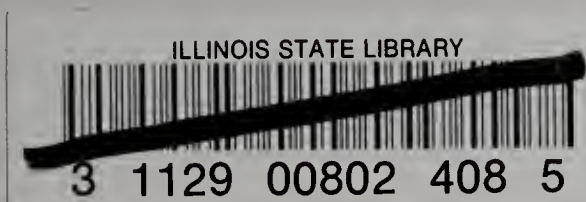
- **Breath Alcohol Testing Training (BATT)**

Certified Investigator/Trainers instruct local and county police officers in the proper operation of BATT instruments. During these classes, the officers learn the effects of alcohol and listen to an in-depth interpretation of the DUI laws and other related topics in order to pass the state test.

## Training

During the investigators' 12-month probationary period, they attend a certified 10-week Basic Law Enforcement Course and an advanced eight-week training program. In order to apply their learning in the final phase, trainees are then assigned to field training investigators.

Information about hiring is available at the Secretary of State Police Command Center.





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